

## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE

June 24, 2002

## H.R. 3275

An act to implement the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings to strengthen criminal laws relating to attacks on places of public use, to implement the International Convention of the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, to combat terrorism and defend the Nation against terrorist acts, and for other purposes

As cleared by the Congress on June 18, 2002

H.R. 3275 would implement two international treaties: the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings and the International Convention of the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. The act would establish a sentence of life in prison or death for those who are convicted of participating in bombings in public places, government facilities, public transportation systems, or infrastructure facilities. In addition, the act would establish minimum prison sentences and criminal fines for those who provide or collect funds with the intent that such funds be used to carry out terrorism.

CBO expects that most such cases would likely be pursued under current law. H.R. 3275 could affect direct spending and receipts because criminal fines are recorded in the budget as revenues (i.e., governmental receipts), and are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and later spent. CBO expects that any changes in direct spending or receipts would be insignificant because of the small number of cases that are likely to be involved.

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